

## *California Department of Food & Agriculture*

### **Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting** of the Pierce's Disease/Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board held on Wednesday March 11, 2009 at 1220 N Street, Room 333, Sacramento, CA 95814

#### **PD/GWSS BOARD**

Members Present: Dennis Atkinson, Pete Downs, Ben Drake, Drew Johnson, Brad Lange, Jim Ledbetter, Al Rossini, Steve Schafer, and Herb Schmidt

Members Absent: Kevin Andrew, Greg Coleman, Steve McIntyre, Dana Merrill, and Marilyn Wolf

#### **OTHER ATTENDEES**

George Bruening, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes, Sue Ichiho, Nancy Irelan, Camron King, Janet LeMasters, Greg Morris, Stacie Oswalt, Ted Rieger, John Snyder, Roger Spencer, Judy Stewart-Leslie, Beth Stone-Smith, Jay Van Rein, and Bob Wynn

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Al Rossini called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Bob Wynn conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board. A quorum was present.

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Bob Wynn began the meeting with a brief discussion of Senate Bill (SB) 2. This bill, introduced by Senator Pat Wiggins, would extend the sunset dates of the PDCP, PD/GWSS Board, winegrape assessment, and PD Advisory Task Force to March 1, 2016. Bob also talked about upcoming grower outreach and education presentations being scheduled in the next few months. So far 10 meetings had been set, with the locations being Mendocino, Sonoma, Napa, Lodi, Monterey, Fresno, Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, Temecula, and San Diego.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **RESEARCH PROPOSAL – DR. RICK REDAK**

Bob Wynn began by noting that this particular research proposal was for an applied research project which, because it was tied to the lifecycle of GWSS in the field, had already started. The contract for the project currently uses Program funds. At today's meeting, the Board would be asked to consider funding it using assessment dollars.

Greg Morris discussed the project. It is similar to the insecticide trial conducted by Dr. Redak in 2003-04 during which four materials were tested for efficacy against GWSS nymphs emerging from egg masses on nursery stock. The four materials tested were carbaryl, fenprothrin, deltamethrin, and acetamiprid. In this new project, two materials from the earlier study which did not show immediate high-level efficacy (deltamethrin and acetamiprid) would be looked at again to determine if their ultimate efficacy was adequate to use them as approved treatments for nursery stock. Two new materials (spirotetramat and spinetoram) would also be tested, and the effects of parasitism and

overhead irrigation would be evaluated. The protocol also includes measuring insecticidal residues after treatment.

The total amount for the research would be approximately \$143,000 over a 15-month period. A summary of the proposal was provided to Board members earlier. It was decided to provide Board members with the full research proposal, and put this item on the agenda for the April 23 meeting in Napa.

### **RESEARCH DIRECTOR CONTRACT – ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

Bob Wynn stated that approximately 10 outreach/education meetings have been scheduled throughout the state in the next few months to update growers on program progress. A critical part of the presentations will be an update on research activities. Nancy Irelan, as Research Director, is well suited to providing this part of the presentation. Her current contract with CDFA does not include amounts to cover the costs of participating in these sessions, since they were not anticipated at the time she prepared her proposals for this year and next. The Board is therefore asked to consider recommending that her contract be augmented to cover participating in these sessions. State contracting rules allow contracts to be augmented by up to 30% of the original contract amount. The Program is seeking clarification on whether or not this applies to both years of Nancy's contract, or just one.

- ❖ It was M/S/P by the PD/GWSS Board to recommend to the Secretary to amend the contract with Research Director Dr. Nancy Irelan to increase the contract up to \$50,000 over a two-year period for expenses related to her participation in outreach meetings.

#### **Details of Board Vote:**

Motion: Pete Downs      Second: Andrew Johnson

In Favor: Atkinson, Downs, Drake, Johnson, Lange, Ledbetter, Rossini, Schafer, Schmidt

Against: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Andrew, Coleman, McIntyre, Merrill, Wolf

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Bob Wynn stated that Nancy Irelan had asked in January about an honorarium for the RSAP members. This would be a stipend to compensate them for days when RSAP members meet for working sessions. This topic will be discussed further at the April 23 meeting in Napa.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Al Rossini adjourned the conference call meeting at 2:18 pm.